

I write to oppose the NBA Petition 4-160 to interfere with my getting local weather, traffic and other information on my satalite radio for which I pay a monthly fee.

This Petition goes against free use of the airways. Also, when someone starts complaining of someone else violating "the SPIRIT of an agreement, as a lawyer it automatically starts me to thinking the agreement isn't being violated. I haven't read the agreement between XM Radio and the NAM, but if its thrust is to stifle competition it shouldn't be enforced by the FCC.

XM radio is a wonderful new service, and its potential is just beginning to be tapped. In my town we had gotten to the point where there was absolutely nothing for me to listen to except National Public Radio, but there should be other good choices. Instead, all of the stations have been acquired by rock and talk radio, neither of which i want to hear.

Furthermore, the ability to get good programing anywhere is a wonderful opportunity. Members of the NAM have severely limited the opportunity to listen to anything worthwhile by buying all the stations with any worthwhile programing and forcing intelligent listeners to rely on satillite. That's fine, they must have listeners who want that tripe, but let them compete with good programing and give us the chance to listen to what we choose.